

Amendment
Serial No. 09/454,348

Docket No. PHA-23.863

REMARKS

Entry of this Amendment and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the amendments made to the claims and for the remarks made herein.

Claims 1-29 are pending. Claims 1, 3-6, 8-10, 15 and 24-19 stand rejected.

Claims 18-23 are allowed. Claims 2, 7, 11-14, and 16-17 are objected to but would be allowable if written in independent form. Claims 1, 6, 15, 27, 28 and 29 have been amended. Claims 2, 7 and 16 have been cancelled.

Applicant, through his attorney, thanks the examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 18-23. Applicant further has amended independent claims 1, 6, and 15 to include the subject matter recited in claims 2, 7 and 16, respectively. Claims 27, 28 and 29 have also been amended to include the subject matter recited in claim 2. Applicant believes that claims 1, 6, 15, 27, 28 and 29, as amended, are in a condition indicated to be allowable.

With regard to the remaining claims, these claims depend from the independent claims, which are believed to be in allowable form. Accordingly, the remaining claims are also believed to be allowable by virtue of their dependency upon an allowable base claim.

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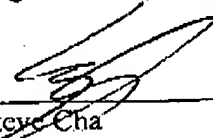
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For all the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all the present claims are patentable in view of the cited references. A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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